

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY (JOINT)

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses, and citizenship, are as stated on the following pages of this document next to our names; and

We believe we are the original, first, and joint Inventors of the subject matter which is claimed, and for which a patent is sought under and in accordance with applicable statutes of the United States of America (Title 35, United States Code) on the invention entitled:

STITCHLESS ON-SITE BINDING METHOD AND DEVICE



the specification of which:

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed September 22, 2003, Application Serial No. 10/665,467 and was amended _____ [if applicable].

We further declare that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this Application, as required by statutes of the United States of America and implementing rules (37 CFR §1/56(a)).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365 of any foreign application or applications for patent or Inventor's certificate listed below. Also, unless otherwise set forth below, there is no foreign application for patent or Inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

PRIOR FOREIGN & INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION(S)

PRIORITY CLAIMED

Number

Country

Date Filed

Yes

No

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